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Governor Doyle Seeks Federal Disaster Assistance for 12 Wisconsin Counties

Damages From Excessive Rainfall Estimated at More Than \$9 Million

Governor Jim Doyle formally asked President Bush for federal disaster assistance today for 12 Wisconsin counties as a result of flooding and severe storm damage that have occurred in recent weeks.

"Record rains and flooding have caused many losses and placed huge financial strains on thousands of families, communities, and businesses across Wisconsin," Governor Doyle said. "I urge President Bush to act quickly and support Wisconsin with this much needed disaster assistance."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Small Business Administration, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and Wisconsin Emergency Management conducted damage assessments that showed that more than 5,000 Wisconsin homes were flooded. Total damages to roads, bridges, and dams in local communities are estimated at more than \$9 million.

In the declaration, Governor Doyle requested federal aid for individuals and businesses in Columbia, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Kenosha, Ozaukee, and Winnebago. The Governor also asked for disaster aid for local governments in Columbia, Crawford, Fond du Lac, Grant, Kenosha, Ozaukee, Vernon, Clark, Dodge, Green Lake, and Winnebago Counties.

The formal request was sent to President Bush and the Federal Emergency Management Agency today. The state hopes to be notified of the request for federal disaster assistance within the next week.